

Congress assembles next Monday. But little time will be spent in organizing, inasmuch as there is no opposition worth talking about to the re-election of Mr. Carlisle to the Speakership. It is not customary for Congress, however, to settle down to solid work until after the holiday recess, and there is not likely to be any change of program until after the recess. The session of 1901 will not begin, therefore, until January. The important question before Congress at the coming session will be the reduction of the surplus, and it is so pressing that it is difficult to see how consideration and settlement of it can be avoided, notwithstanding the fact that the session will be in the face of a Presidential election, when Congressmen are timid and reluctant to indulge

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